

Mangiagli Needs Help

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John Mangiagli has been a Little League president for five years. When John recently accepted a sixth term of office with North Torrance East Little League, he became a martyr in the eyes of a lot of people. He faces the tough task of relocating the league's playing facilities again.

Mangiagli, as you will read in this article, really needs help. Anyone with so much as a word of encouragement might call him at 324-7266. The name is pronounced (jawn-man-jelly).

On opening day in April, Mangiagli proudly toured North Torrance East's new facilities as Garrett Field, pointing out each feature of the new plant.

In the particular case of North Torrance East



JOHN MANGIAGLI . . . Little League on the move!

Little League this year, an even 300 young ballplayers crowded around the infield and the Torrance Youth Band serenaded in the foreground.

Mothers of the boys were busy putting together hamburgers and pouring soft drinks in their plush new snack bar. Upstairs the scorekeepers and field announcer prepared paperwork. Umpires were busy moving around in a room provided for them.

When the field cleared, players crammed into the carefully designed dugouts to get the feel of the seating and check the view of the field. A giant scoreboard stood in centerfield and beyond the perimeter of the outfield, a quiet constant, picturesque flow of traffic traveled the San Diego Freeway.

Whenever Mangiagli was able to get a few volunteers together, progress was made on the adjoining minor league field. It included construction of a backstop, sideline fence, dugouts and seeding of the diamond.

At the end of the regular season a tournament team was selected and it went on to win the District 27 championship. It was a rewarding climax to an eventful season.

Meanwhile, things began to stir in the front office of the landlord—Garrett Corporation. The loss of company properties and facilities in other communities pointed to an immediate need for all existing properties in Torrance.

A crash program by Garrett was put into effect and North Torrance East Little League was notified about August 1 that the ballpark site must be evacuated. The league had 30 days to pack its belonging and find a new home.

The immediate election of new board members for 1967 necessitated the dual task of prospecting for a new home and demolition. Only the most faithful (this is September, remember) made themselves available for the emergency. Others forgot the convenience of opening day and having such a nice baseball facility.

Only because there are the Mangiagli-kind concerned whether or not North Torrance East will be able to exist next April is a crusade renewed.

The existing ball diamonds, what was there a month ago, anyway, were made possible largely through the help of the Garrett Corporation and other precious few volunteers.

The development of the two original Little League fields at the corner of 190th Street and Van Ness was a project of Clifford Garrett, founder of Garrett Corporation in 1958. Following his death in 1963, the company merged with Signal.

One of the Little League fields was vacated at the end of the 1964 baseball season after it was used for the Western Regional Tournament, making room for a modern service station.

As a concession for rebuilding the ballparks at the isolated north end of the tract, an invaluable amount of assistance was again provided by Garrett and building contractors interested in the league.

Construction of permanent-type facilities is said to pay for itself over a five-year period with the amount of vandalism avoided.

Mangiagli has no idea what future is in store for the league. There is \$500 in the treasury and about \$8,000 that cannot be salvaged at the abandoned premises.

But inasmuch as John Mangiagli, Jr., 19, and Steve Mangiagli, 15, enjoyed a full term in Little League, and Frank Mangiagli, 10, has two more years in the program, Dad is not going to give up now, regardless of the inconvenience!

Gardena to Rule Football Again

There seems to be no doubt among rival coaches that Gardena's mighty Mohicans will be once again the team to beat in the 1966 Marine League high school football race. And, quite frankly, no one has much hope of displacing the defending champs from the throne they've occupied for the past four years, either!

This overwhelming "confidence" in the Stan Smith-

Dick Enright coached Gardenas is very simply understood. Over the past three years the Mohicans have gone to the city playoffs semi-finals twice (1963-65) and won the title once (1964), posting an overall 18-6-1 record. In the last two seasons they have averaged 43 points a game, leading the city in team scoring both years.

A strong nucleus of 15 returning lettermen is enough to justify Gardena's favoritism, but when you note that among them is All-City "Co-Player of the Year" Charley Evans, the 6-2 215-pound fullback who terrorized all foes last fall, it's even more impressive.

Evans, a standout in track and baseball as well as a virtually unstoppable ball-carrier on the gridiron, scored 20 touchdowns and 35 conversions for 155 points (tops in city) in '65, rolling up 1,166 yards in 123 carries for a 9.4 yard average and adding 229 yards on 18 pass catches. Naturally, he's already being tabbed for every imaginable honor this coming season . . . All-America included!

Also high on the Gardena list of stars are Mike Jeter, 200, 2nd All-League end and stellar (14.1-19.0) hurdler who switches to wingback; quar-

terback Greg Briner, 187, and right half Dick Sakai, 180, a pair of top junior prospects. Left half Al Curry, 175, and right half Glen Matsushima, 178, are a pair of lettermen; left half Donovan Hall, 160, 9.9 sprinter, quarterback Mark Sogge, 180 (brother of Steve, 1964 All-City "Player of the Year"), and right half David Moch, 170 (brother of Charley, L.A. High's twice All-City ace) are all juniors up from Bee ranks.

Despite inelegibility of end Dave Vernoy, tackle Rene Williams, and center Nick Owens, two lettermen 210-pounders, the line could shape up fine.

Lettermen are Ken Nakazawa, 170, and Dennis Williams, 175, left end; Mike Baumgarner, 200, left tackle; Paul Cole, 200, left guard; Ron Mayeda, 205, center; Herb Davidson, 190, right guard; Alan Sutton, 195, and Jim Lewis, 175, right end.



RAM PROFILE

QB Roman Gabriel Gaining Confidence

Off to what he says is the finest start of his five-year pro career, Roman Gabriel faces the opening of the league season against the fledgling Atlanta Falcons in the Southern city today with a confidence he never felt before.

What brought about his spectacular pre-season passing record of 79 completions in 134 throws for a 590 average and only one interception?

"There were three main reasons for it," said the big Ram quarterback this week. "First, I did more work in the off-season. I used weights and the new Exer-Genie equipment a great deal and I played a lot of basketball and handball. Then I practiced passing at San Fernando Valley State with three former Rams, Red Phillips, Zeke Bratkowski and Bill Jobko.

"Second, I had three times as much playing time in pre-season games as I ever had before. Nothing takes the place of actual competition.

"Third, Ted Marchibroda,

our new backfield coach, who used to play quarterback, spent a lot of time working with me on getting back faster after the handoff and getting rid of the ball more quickly."

The result has been the finest completion record since Gabe joined the Rams in 1962. His pre-season 590 figure tops his previous best in league play of 562 in his rookie year, and is exceeded only by a .604 mark as a col-

lege sophomore at North Carolina State.

But just as outstanding is his ability to avoid interceptions. Losing only one pass to the opposition during the pre-season period was no fluke. He held the all-time NFL record of only two passes intercepted in a season (1962), and last year he led the top 15 NFL quarterbacks with five throws picked off.

Gabe's explanation for this: "All through high school and college, my coaches always told me, 'If there's nobody open, don't throw.' It's far better to hold on and take the loss. Often, because I'm pretty big and strong, I can get back to the line of scrimmage."

"Then, another reason is that I throw a hard ball. It's tougher for the backs to cover. My receivers have time to catch it and turn around before they're hit."

Though a big man who likes to run, Gabe doesn't subscribe to the theory that the rollout is the coming thing for pro quarterbacks.

"I'd just as soon get back in the pocket and stay there," he says. "You take too big a chance on rollouts, with no protection. It's a good weapon to use sometimes—we have it in our playbook—but I don't believe teams will swing over all the way."

Sauer Guns For Repeat At Ascot

With sights set on his second straight ARA Figure 8 Stock Car racing championship, Ed Sauer of Torrance takes on a field of 100 cars and drivers in tonight's 12-event doubleheader program of criss-cross racing at Ascot Park in Gardena.

Racing will start at 7:30 p.m., preceded by time trials at 6 p.m.

Sauer, the 1965 ARA Figure 8 driving champ, is fresh from winning the Labor Day weekend sweepstakes.

Sauer's chief competitors are point leader Nick Thomas of Gardena, Troy Still of Long Beach, and the brother team of Dennis and Jerry Meisenzahl of Redondo Beach.

Duffy Begins 13th Year at Michigan State

The 1966 football season marks the 13th year in the Spartan head-coaching regime of Duffy Daugherty. Daugherty shares longevity with Charley Bachman who coached from 1933 through 1946.

It's largely a veteran staff that will work with Daugherty this fall. Oldest in years of services is offensive line coach Gordie Serr in his tenth season.

In their eighth seasons are ends coach Cal Stoll, defensive line coach Hank Bullough and offensive backfield coach Dan Boistre. Defensive backfield coach Vince Carillot is in his seventh year. Rounding out the group are two-year staffers Al Dorow, assistant backfield coach, and Ed Rutherford, frosh coach.

Housewives Offered Recreation

Indoor volleyball and badminton program for housewives will be held at the First Christian Church Gymnasium, 2930 El Dorado, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Housewives may register at the gym on Sept. 27. Tennis shoes must be worn. Arrangements will be made for supervision of pre-school children whose mothers are participating in this program. A nominal fee will be charged for this service.

Those interested in outdoor volleyball may take advantage of similar programs offered at WALTERIA Park, 3855-242nd St. and La Romeria Park, 19501 Inglewood Ave.

For further information, contact Viah Johnston, sports secretary, 328-5310, Ext. 244, at the Recreation Department.

Records Eyed At Boat Race

Three records—for attendance, entries and speed—seem assured when the nation's leading hot boat pilots converge on the Ski-Land drag boat course at Ferris for the 1966 National Championship Drag Boat Races Sept. 17 and 18.

The national championships sanctioned by the National Drag Boat Association, have already topped all previous records for entries in all classes. Every recognized world record speed holder has sent in his entry, race officials reported this week.

County Fair Features Horse Racing

Although the Sept. 16 opening date is almost a week away, the backstretch at the Los Angeles County Fair bloomed into a thriving city this week as early arrivals among the ultimate 895 equine population began to take their places along shed row.

The meeting will consist of 14 days of thoroughbred, club horse and harness racing with 12 races daily except Sunday.

Sid Williams, stable area superintendent, reports nearly 150 horses are on the grounds, with the big influx due over the weekend as the State Fair meeting at Sacramento and the Del Mar Turf

Bob Kelley Of Rams Succumbs

Bob Kelley, 49, famed sports-caster who specialized in handling of football games for the Los Angeles Rams, died Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank.

A heart ailment restricted Kelley's broadcasting in recent years. It was while handling a pre-season Ram game this year that his career was permanently interrupted because of his health.

Kelley was rushed to the hospital Aug. 30 and was in a coma until his death.

For 20 years Kelley had a daily sports commentary on KMPC and in May resumed the program at KRKD. His radio and television description of professional football was regarded a rare talent.

Kelley came to Los Angeles in 1946 when Ram owner Dan Reeves moved the team here from Cleveland. Later Kelley became the voice of the Pacific League Los Angeles Angels. He generated popular rivalries in all sports and among fellow sports-casters.

Family survivors include Kelley's wife, Bette, and four sons, Timothy Michael, 24; Robert John Jr., 20; Patrick Michael, 16; and Michael Patrick, 12.

Cycle Race Scheduled

Biggest and most prestigious race of the 1966 motorcycle season the Eight-Mile National Championship — is set for Saturday night at Ascot Park.

There will be a full schedule of novice races as well as qualifying for the National on Friday night. Action both evenings start at 8:15.

Managing Director J. C. Agajanian has posted prize money of \$4,750.

BASKETBALL TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets went on sale today for the Los Angeles Lakers' pre-season double feature basketball games at the Sports Arena on October 2.

The twin-bill, which features all five members of last season's all-NBA team, pits the San Francisco Warriors and Cincinnati Royals at 6 p.m. and the Western Division champion Lakers and Philadelphia 76ers at 8:15.

Normal prices will prevail for the double feature which spotlights 1965-66 first team all-pros Jerry West of Los Angeles, Wilt Chamberlain of Philadelphia, Oscar Robertson and Jerry Lucas of Cincinnati, and Rick Barry of San Francisco.

Volleyball, Slo-Pitch Organized

The Torrance Recreation Department is offering a variety of sports activities for adults this fall.

Six-man volleyball will begin practice on Sept. 15 and team play will be held Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at West High School Gymnasium, 20401 Victor St.

Six-man coed volleyball will also be offered to all interested individuals. Practice sessions will be held on Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 15 also at the West High School Gym.

Anyone interested in playing with the volleyball teams should sign up with the recreation leader at the gym during the first two weeks.

Open coed volleyball for doubles and mixed doubles will be at South High School, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, on Tuesday evenings starting Sept. 13 from 6:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

In addition to the volleyball activities, there will be two slo-pitch leagues starting Sept. 19 and 21. One will be on Monday nights and the other on Wednesday nights at Torrance Park, 2001 Santa Fe Ave. Each league will play two rounds.

Further information may be obtained from Bob Cook at the Recreation Department.

Willie O'Ree Traded by L. A. Blades

Tommy McVie, high-scoring 31-year-old left winger, and Dave Kelly, 23-year-old goalkeeper, both of the Western Hockey League's defending champion Portland Buckaroos, have been traded to the Los Angeles Blades for Right Wing Willie O'Ree and a junior player, Blade Executive Director Jack Geyer has announced.

McVie, a member of the Portland Club since the 1960-61 season, is one of the few players developed in British Columbia. He turned professional for Seattle in the 1958-59 season and immediately stamped himself as a top goal-scorer, bagging 28 along with 23 assists his rookie year.

McVie hit 27 goals the next season, then clicked for 23 in the 1960-61 season. The next four years the 5 ft. 9 in., 165-pounder scored 45, 37, 36 and 37 goals, respectively. Last year a broken ankle limited his appearances to 35 games during which he scored 13 goals and 10 assists.

McVie is a Lacrosse player in the off-season. He can play either left or right wing, although he shoots left.

Kelly, 5 ft. 8 in., 165 pounds, turned professional for Portland three years ago. At the end of his first season, 1963-64, Kelly was named WHL rookie-of-the-year. He led the loop's goalies with four shut-outs.

The 30-year-old O'Ree is the only Blade who has been with the club for the five years of its existence. He scored 33 goals last year.

Lifeguard Honors Go To Olympian

The Carpinteria team, led by 19 year-old Mike Wall, took first place in six of nine regular events to capture the 1966 California State Ocean Lifeguard Championships at Carpinteria State Beach.

Wall, a sophomore at Stanford University who was a member of the U. S. Olympic team at Tokyo in 1964, won the one-mile rough water swim and then came back to take first place in the 500 meter surf swim.



SPARTAN END . . . Angie Felando (81) of South High School is expected to be one of the leading ends in prep football this fall. His teammates will be put through a tough week of football with the Green and White game Friday and a scrimmage Saturday morning against Bishop Montgomery. The regular prep season begins Friday night, Sept. 23, with South going against Long Beach Jordan at home. (Press-Herald photo)